(c) Upto 1994-95, when the programme was implemented on sectoral basis, Central Government released an amount of Rs. 881.00 crores to Programme States. The Release figures, thereafter, upto 21.02.2003 is Rs. 1113.38 crores.

Review of Rural Development Programmes

888. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre is reviewing the programmes of Rural Development Projects/Schemes in terms of non-performance and under-utilisation of funds;

(b) whether the Centre has sought the concurrence of States to facilitate constitutional amendment to Panchayati Raj Act and if so, the reaction of the States thereto;

(c) whether the Centre plans to revise the guidelines for Rural Development Schemes and Projects; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Rural Development has initiated steps to further revise the Guidelines of the Watershed Development Programmes under 'Hariyali'.

Proper functioning of District Rural Development Authority

889. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that District Rural Development Authority is not yet properly instituted; and

(b) if so, what measures would the Minister adopt to make the institution work properly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) has been instituted since 1980. Working of DRDAs has been reviewed from time to time and measures have been taken for strengthening of DRDAs. Keeping in view the need for an effective agency at the district level to coordinate the anti-poverty effort, a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'DRDA Administration Scheme' for strengthening and professionalising the DRDAs was introduced with effect from 1st April, 1999. The Guidelines of the Scheme provide for the composition of the Governing Body of the DRDAs, its administrative structure and the staffing pattern. All States are required to follow the Guidelines of the Scheme.

Central assistance to Andhra Pradesh for poverty alleviation

890. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Central assistance given to Andhra Pradesh for poverty alleviation programmes during the last five years with details, year-wise;

(b) year-wise details of funds actually utilized by the State Government on these programmes, programme-wise and achievements made;

(c) whether Government noticed any misappropriation of funds in implementation of the programmes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Development has released a total amount of Rs. 350,839.52 lakh, including the value of foodgrains, to Andhra Pradesh during the years 1999-2000 to 2001-02. Year-wise details of the funds released to Andhra Pradesh under the major rural poverty alleviation programmes, namely, the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana/ Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JRY/JGSY) are given in the enclosed Statement.